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## Summary of San's Story

San Dewayne Francisco

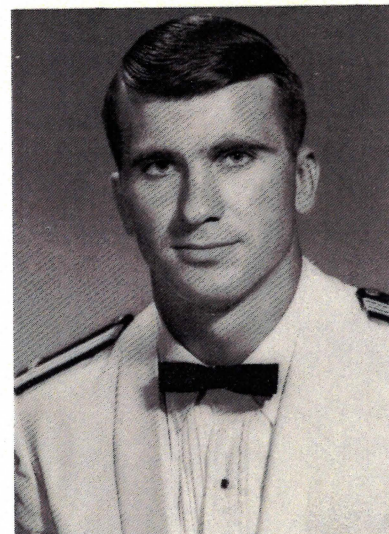
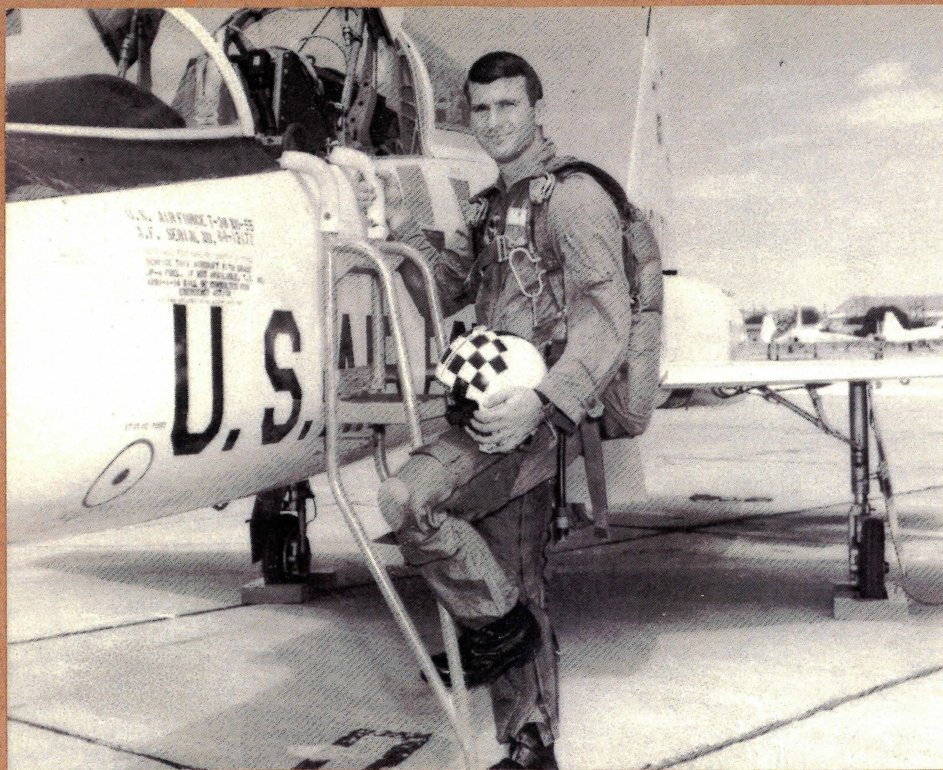
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Major San D. Francisco, KIA, November 25, 1968. San D. Francisco attended and graduated from Central Washington (State College) University 1962-1966. San was a member of the Wildcats Football Team, wrestled and was active in the R.O.T.C. program at Central. He joined the Air Force in Ellensburg and went to Flight School at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California and Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. San began his career as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and posthumously was promoted to Major in 1978. San volunteered to take a flight mission due to the illness of co-pilot assigned to the mission. San's plane was shot down in North Vietnam near the Ho Chi Minh Trail on November 25, 1968. Upon ejecting from the plane, his parachute did not deploy properly and after landing, both legs were broken. San was captured by a group from the Vietnamese Youth Military Army and being taken to captivity when an American Search and Air Rescue mission, sent to rescue him and his co-pilot, shot mortar rounds into what appeared to be enemy ground troops. San was struck and killed instantly. He was buried in a grave where he fell. San was scheduled to meet his wife in Hawaii on December 1, 1968.

San's family is still seeking answers and pursuing the return of his remains. Through the help of Kelleher Ford Motor Company, the City of Ellensburg and community groups, a successful fundraising event was held October 18, 2014. The Bring a Hero Home Celebration was the lead to many more events in his honor. It is the sincere hope that San's remains will be home soon!!